

GALT TRAFFIC

APRIL 2003

“WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND THEY IS US!” – Pogo



“You got used to New York’s new skyline, you’ll get used to Chicago’s new Lakefront, Ha, Ha, Ha!” – Osama

**PRANKSTER DICK DALEY PULLS
ULTIMATE APRIL FOOL JOKE**

An open note to Hizzonner from the Editor:

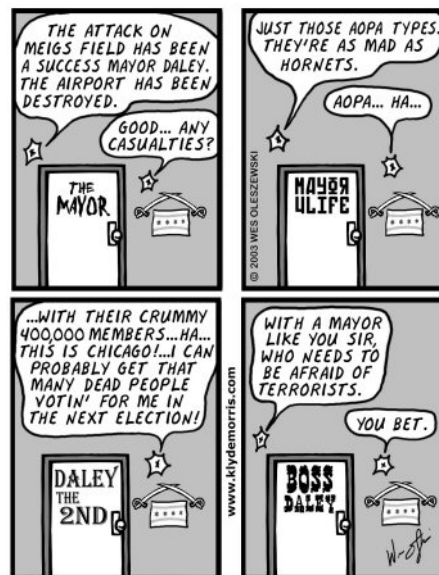
Hey Mr. M,

Just a note to thank you for coming up with the Meigs thing. I needed something for the “April Fool” issue and, I gotta hand it to ya, I’d never’ve dreampt that one up in a million years! Thanks for making my job so easy. Gosh, too bad you make so damn much money at O’Hare – if you dozed ORD some night, well that’d be a hoot and a half!!!

Happy piknik’n in de park, Jeff

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Klyde Morris is a cartoon strip created by Wes Oleszewski about an Ant that attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach Fl. Visit them at: www.klydemorris.com.

ON THE SERIOUS SIDE

The **April meeting** will be Saturday, the 12th, 10 AM at Galt (Board of Directors at 9 AM). Weather permitting, it will be followed by a **Young Eagle Rally** from 1100 to 1600. If it’s a nice day, bring the family and a picnic lunch and help and “hang out” with us.

The Meigs Field tragedy, it is true, has all kinds of “special circumstances”. But there are plenty of airports out there on the “endangered list” and every airport that disappears diminishes our “airman’s world”. Besides airports, there are many other national, state and local issues that need addressing.

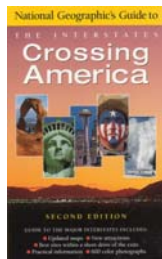
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BOOK REVIEW

CROSSING AMERICA – National Geographic's Guide To The Interstates 2nd Edition National Geographic Society
\$24.95 Order at 1-888-225-5647 or www.nationalgeographic.com.

By Jeff Hill

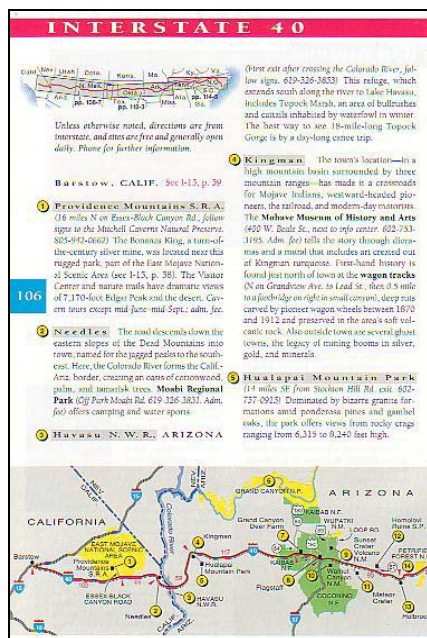


I used to think following Interstate Highways was for sissies. One day, on a “direct” leg over southern Wyoming I got to thinking that, although there were numerous places one could probably make an emergency landing without killing oneself – then what? Even uninjured, one would be in a desperate survival situation, what with not another living soul within 50 or 60 miles! “It’d be a helluva long walk to the nearest liquor store”, I joked. “Tee Hee Hee”, said the wife through clenched teeth.

On our last trip in “the mountains”, I decided to go just a few miles out of the way and follow I-40 to our destination, Flagstaff, AZ. Smart move. Just ten miles north or south of I-40 takes you over some really rugged and very empty landscape. I-40 follows the route of the old Santa Fe mainline (and U.S. Rte. 66). Trains, fast cars and I don’t like steep grades and sharp curves so this series of valleys across the great southwest is the way to go. Interstates follow the best terrain and they go where the towns are, where the airports are, where the avgas is.

There is a surprising amount of traffic on the Interstates, even in really remote areas but if the pavement is occupied, the median might do (and cell phone equipped motorists will summon aid). Also, many miles of lightly traveled frontage roads (sans wires) parallel the “I” system.

But, there’s another reason to follow the “I”s: They connect the “fun” places to visit and that’s where **Crossing America** comes in. The guide covers every major interstate, listing points of interest on and near the route along with pertinent information. There are “strip maps” of the entire route, directions, practical advice, tips and color photos. So, let’s land and get a car – and have some fun!



Crossing America beginning route I-40 (west to east)

Three Retired Pilots



Oscar: “Just bought one of those fancy \$5000 hearing aids”.
Foxy & Papa together: “What kind is it?”
Oscar, looking at his watch: “Two thirty.”

FLY-IN/EVENTS CALENDAR

APR 2-8 Sun ‘n Fun EAA Fly-In Lakeland FL.
APR 12 EAA 932 Meeting 10 AM **Young Eagles**
11 AM to 4 PM following the meeting.
MAY 10 EAA 932 Meeting 10 AM **Young Eagles**
11 AM to 4 PM following the meeting.
JUN 8 To be announced
JUL 29-AUG 4 EAA Airventure ‘03 Oshkosh
AUG 9-10 Flyers and Tires
SEP 13 EAA 932 Meeting 10 AM **Young Eagles**
11 AM to 4 PM following the meeting.
OCT 11 Chilifest, Hayride and Bonfire 5 PM
NOV 8 EAA 932 Meeting 10 AM **Young Eagles**
11 AM to 4 PM following meeting.
DEC 13 EAA 932 Meeting 10 AM
DEC 13-17 1st Flight Centennial Kitty Hawk, NC

For information on Fly-Ins, aviation events and alerts to pilots, check the following web sites:

Illinois: www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html
Wisconsin: www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/genral.html
EAA: www.eaa.org
AOPA: www.aopa.org
EAA 932: www.eaa932.org
FAA: www.faa.gov

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